

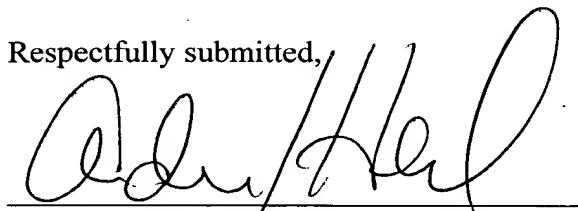
**REMARKS**

By way of this amendment, Applicant has added new method claims to the existing method claims of this application.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



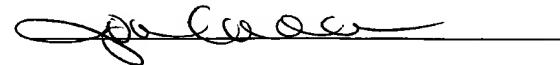
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Attorney Docket No. 500991

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Mary Swaab

Art Unit: 1732

Application No.: 09/714,318

Examiner: not assigned

Filed: November 16, 2000

For: **METHOD FOR BLENDING AND  
FABRICATING PERSONALIZED  
LIPSTICK**

**AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS MADE VIA PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Amendments to existing claims:

15. The method of claim 1614 wherein the heating step is conducted with an electrical device typically available at the home and not part of the kit.

16. The method of claim 1614 wherein the heating step is conducted in a microwave oven.

17. The method of claim 1614 wherein said mold is a lipstick mold in which the base-pigment mixture is cooled in the lipstick mold to form a lipstick, further comprising:  
removing the lipstick from the lipstick mold; and  
affixing the lipstick to a lipstick case.

18. The method of claim 1614 wherein said kit further includes a blending sheet, wherein said mixing step is conducted on the blending sheet.